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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Action is in regards to the Amendment and Response received on 22 October 2004.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-3** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makower et al. (Makower), U.S. PG Pub 2002/0184507.
5. Regarding **claim 1**, Makower discloses the invention substantially as claimed. Makower discloses *a method for enhanced quality of identification in a data communication network* [see Makower, abstract], *the method comprising: obtaining a user identifier, said user identifier comprising an identification server, said identification server ID identifying an identification server peer group comprising at least one server that maintains a mapping between an identification randomized ID (Makower teaches a federation of servers that each server has an associated identifier, that uniquely distinguishes it from all other server), [see Makower, section 0023 and 0028] and an identification randomized ID (Makower teaches that when data is received at the web server from the client, the web server creates a unique, random string called*

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a challenge), [see Makower, section 0028]; *and a mapping between said identification randomized ID and user information* [see Makower, section 0028] *requesting authorization of said user by presenting said user identifier to a corresponding* [see Makower, section 0023], *configured to search for one or more matching entries* [see Makower, section 0023-0035].

However, Makower does not explicitly disclose a user authentication peer group. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the networking art at the time the invention was made for Makower to have allowed for the federation servers to have the capability to not only be a part of the identification server peer group but to also provide for the ability to be a part of the user authentication group that also authenticates and since, Makower does teach mapping as well as authentication done by the federation of web servers which also includes a server id as well as a random ID. By this rationale **claim 1** is rejected.

6. **Claim 2** list all the same elements of claim 1, but in program storage device form rather than method form. Therefore, the supporting rationale of the rejection to claim 1 applies equally as well to claim 2.

7. **Claim 3** list all the same elements of claim 1, but in apparatus form rather than method form. Therefore, the supporting rationale of the rejection of claim 1 applies equally as well to claim 3.

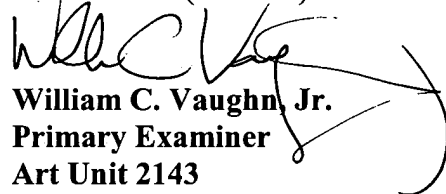
Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C. Vaughn, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3922. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-6:00, 1st and 2nd Friday Off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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